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Remarks/Arguments

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application, but claims 3, 5-6 and 8-22 have been withdrawn from further consideration because of a restriction requirement and election of claims thereunder.

Applicants thank Examiner for recognizing the patentability of claims 2, 4, and 7. Accordingly, Applicants have rewritten claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of claim 2 and to place claim 1 in condition for allowance. Because claims 4 and 7 depend upon claim 1, claims 4 and 7 are patentable for at least similar reasons to amended claim 1. Further, claim 1 is now an allowable generic claim with respect to claims 5 and 6. Accordingly, claims 5 and 6 are patentable for at least similar reasons to claim 1.

In conclusion, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance, and such allowance of claims 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7 is respectfully requested.

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